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SUBJECT: RWANDAN MEETINGS IN KAMPALA

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BONIFACE NGULINZIRA
EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE EFFORTS OF
KAMPALA IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH THE RPF WHICH HE
NOW UNDERSTANDS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8:00 A.M.

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3. NGULINZIRA ALSO TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE
PLANNED TO PROPOSE TO PRESIDENT MUSEVENI A
NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN RWANDA AND UGANDA AS
SUGGESTED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY COHEN. IN THIS
COMPLICATED GAME OF TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
UGANDA WITHOUT COMPROMISING RWANDA'S POSITION ON THE
WAR, NGULINZIRA WENT TO THE BORDER THURSDAY MAY 21,
VISITED RUKOMO AND MUVUMBA, BOTH OF WHICH HAD BEEN
ANNOUNCED BY RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL TO BE IN THE
HANDS OF THE RPF, MET WITH HIS TROOPS AND ANNOUNCED

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PUBLICLY THAT THE RPF CLAIMS WERE BASELESS. THE GESTURE WAS CLEARLY INTENDED TO MOLLIFY THE MRND RIGHT WING AND THE MILITARY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO KAMPALA TO MAKE PEACE, BUT MAY COMPLICATE HIS TASK WITH MUSEVENI BY PUBLICLY INSISTING THAT THE RPF IS NOT IN RWANDA. ACTUALLY ALL HE CLAIMED WAS THAT THE RPF WAS NOT IN THAT SECTOR, BUT THAT'S THE SECTOR THE RPF HAS CLAIMED TO CONTROL.

4. THE RPF HAS TAKEN AN INITIATIVE THROUGH A BELGIAN LAWYER TO INVITE LEADERS OF RWANDAN PARTIES TO MEET WITH RPF REPRESENTATIVES IN EUROPE. MDR LEADER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU LEFT MAY 21 FOR OTHER BUSINESS IN EUROPE, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH BELGIAN SPONSORED MEETINGS IF THEY TAKE PLACE. JUSTIN MUGENZI AND A PSD LEADER ARE ALSO PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY FOR THE TRIP AND HAVE ASKED US IF WE COULD HELP. WE HAVE DECLINED. WE HAVE ALSO ENCOURAGED THEM TO ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE THE MRND AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO NOT GO

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OFF TO MEET WITH THE RPF WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS BACKERS. THERE NOW SEEMS TO BE A FAIRLY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THIS TAKES PLACE IT WILL BE AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING AND THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LEFT TO THE GOVERNMENT TEAM. AS OF LAST NIGHT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SEEMS COMFORTABLE WITH THIS FORMULA.

5. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT IS OFF TO A GOOD START IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAVING SUCCEEDED IN CALMING THE DIFFERENCES WITH BURUNDI. BUT THE BIG CHALLENGE IS TO THE NORTH. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE GOVZTVBCWVNMIION FOR AMERICAN EFFORTS WILL BE VERY HIGH. IF NGULINZIRA IS FORCED TO RETURN WITHOUT SEEING THE RPF, IT WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL SETBACK FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM IS SOLIDLY BEHIND AMERICAN EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER THIS NEGOTIATION. AGAIN OUR APPRECIATION TO KAMPALA. END COMMENT.

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